

**Town of Upton**  
**General By-laws**  
**Leash Law**

**Section 1:** Whoever owns or keeps a dog with the Town shall restrain said dog from running at large, confining said dog to the premises of the owner or keeper or shall keep such dog on a leash, or under constant voice command, while on a public way.

**Section 2:** The restraint of dogs shall not apply for the purpose of training dogs or hunting. Nor shall it apply to a dog belonging to a law enforcement agency, acting in the line of duty. Nor shall it apply to a dog formally trained as a search and rescuer, acting in the line of duty.

**Section 3:** Upon receipt of a written report from an investigating officer regarding a complaint about a dog in the Town of Upton, the Chief of Police may make such order concerning the restraint of such dog as may be deemed necessary, pending a hearing on the matter by the Board of Selectmen.

**Section 4:** No dog collected under the provisions of this Bylaw, or the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, as amended, shall be released unless it has been licensed as required by this Chapter.

**Section 5:** The owner or keeper of a dog found in violation of this Bylaw or the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, as amended, which has been impounded, shall pay fees equal to the expenses incurred by the Town for the collection, initial handling, and daily care (if applicable) of such dogs. These fees shall be established by the Upton Board of Selectmen, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, as amended.